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SUBJECT: CSSR PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT IRAN

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1. NOVEMBER 23 PRESS ANNOUNCED CZECHOSLOVAK PM LJUBOMIR STROUGAL WOULD SHORTLY VISIT IRAN (PRESUMABLY IMMEDIATELY AFTER ATTENDING WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN BUCHAREST WHICH BEGAN NOV 25). TO SET STAGE FOR VISIT GOC DELEGATION TO JOINT CSSR-IRAN COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION LED BY FINANCE MINISTER LEOPOLD LER LEFT PRAGUE FOR TEHRAN NOV 24.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME STROUGAL VISIT WILL FOLLOW STANDARD OFFICIAL VISIT FORMAT WITH RECENTLY SIGNED GAS PIPELINE AGREEMENT (REFTELS) PROMINENTLY FEATURED. GOC FIGURES INDICATE CZECHOSLOVAK EXPORTS TO IRAN, PRIMARILY MACHINERY, AMOUNTED TO USDOLS 52 MILLION IN 1975, WHILE IMPORTS FROM IRAN WERE USDOLS 24.4 MILLION, WITH
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PETROLEUM SINGLE LARGEST ITEM (USDOLS 7 MILLION). GIVEN

CZECHOSLOVAK ENERGY PROBLEMS, STROUGAL MAY BE SEEKING TO INCREASE
OIL IMPORTS FROM IRAN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING TEHRAN
LEARNS ON THIS AND ANY LATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF GOI PAYMENTS
FOR CZECHOSLOVAK EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.
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